

DM-703
11 March 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, General Truscott, Mr. Gates Lloyd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting),
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MR. DULLES:

25X1 a. Directed that the Berlin Estimate be brought up to date prior to the visit. Action: DD/I
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d. Mentioned his concern about what might happen in should this area be surrounded by the Communist-controlled countries and asked DD/I to prepare a memorandum containing an Estimate of the situation. The Director also commented based on this it might be deemed advisable to prepare an NIE. 25X1

e. Noted that Abbott Washburn had indicated in a recent conversation that USIA has a number of ideas for exploitation at the Moscow Fair and offered to give us a briefing on this subject. The Director said it might be helpful to hear this and asked Mr. Barnes to make the necessary arrangements with Washburn. Both DCI and DDCI indicated their desire to attend.

GENERAL CABELL:

Noted that some time ago, based on a survey made by [] and discussions with the Bureau of the Budget, an Agency ceiling of [] supergrades had been agreed to. This survey also pointed out, however, that we had a requirement for []. General Cabell went on to say that at a recent Supergrade Board meeting it had been pointed out that the [] figure had been reached and raised the question of how the Director wanted to proceed in obtaining [] additional supergrades. Mr. Lloyd pointed out, in response to a query from the Director, that we are under obligation to discuss any increase with the Bureau of the Budget. However, Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that, on the other hand, the Director could, under his special authority and if he saw fit, approve this increase without further reference. It was also stated that in several instances we now have supergrade officers filling Grade 15 slots. The Director noted this and commented we must have this flexibility. General Cabell then recommended that a letter be written to the Bureau of the Budget requesting authority to increase our supergrade ceiling in increments from [] to []. Mr. Amory commented that in his opinion we should tell Budget of our intention to make this increase; however, he agreed with General Cabell that the figure of [] supergrades Agency-wide should not be reached for a period of time. After some discussion, the Director stated he believed the best way to handle this would be for him to speak to Mr. Stans about our proposal and, assuming he approved, it would be up to the Supergrade Board to determine what the increments should be, receiving component, and over what period of time.

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MR. HELMS:

Referred to the transcripts of CIA hearings before the Kilday Subcommittee and recommended that each Agency person participating have an opportunity to go over his portion and make corrections thereto. The Director approved. Action: IG and Mr. Warner

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Gave a brief report on the progress of the Manpower Task Force and noted that a head count of employees performing Personnel duties could be broken down as follows: within the Office of Personnel - [redacted]; outside of the Office of Personnel - [redacted] This, Mr. Kirkpatrick said,

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amounted to about one Personnel Officer for every employees. He commented that this Agency is "somewhat" ahead of other government agencies in the number of people engaged in Personnel activity. He also said that, as a matter of interest, at the present time CIA has something over 2,000 different types of forms of one kind or another and he believed that by attacking the use of so many forms we can certainly reduce the number of employees doing Personnel work.

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MR. LLOYD:

Reported that Mr. Saunders had been advised that Frank Ecker from the Bureau of the Budget, accompanied by a GS-7, plans to review PP activities in Europe in the near future. It was pointed out that representatives of the Bureau had just recently made such a review and, further, with the number of changes made in the past few years by the Budget in its personnel authorized to look into CIA activities, there would soon be quite a list of people outside of the Agency who have become fairly conversant and possess an intimate knowledge of some of our most sensitive programs. The Director noted his agreement and asked the Acting DD/S to furnish him a brief memorandum on this matter since he intended to take it up with Mr. Stans, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

MR. AMORY:

Received the Director's permission to reproduce and circulate on a need-to-know basis a State Department document on Berlin.



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